



## FPHA Signs New Store Lease After Year's Delay



IN 1937, when there were only about 25 families in town, the food store opened in the quarters now occupied by the valet shop. First month's sales were \$1400. The store was operated under a lease to Consumer Distribution Corporation until 1940, when residents took over.

At right, the foodstore in 1944, before the checking counters were moved to their present position. Sales were running about \$12,000 weekly and the North End store had to be opened to relieve the congestion. About 7200 persons were being served in space designed to accommodate a population of 3100 and a maximum business of \$6500 weekly. Normal weekly food store sales hit a record peak this month with \$15,502 business at the Center store and \$2,166 at the North End store for the week ending Nov. 9. These figures also top all previous Thanksgiving and Christmas week sales.



## GCS Will Break Ground In Spring For Largest Co-op Store In East; To House Market, Bowling Alleys

By ELISA EAST

Just 364 days after the Federal Public Housing Authority received a request from Greenbelt Consumer Services for the lease of ground for the new shopping mart, FPHA administrator Dillon Myer signed the lease, which deeds nearly an acre of ground at the west end of the plaza to the cooperative. At the same time the present over-all lease between the government and the co-op was renewed for a ten year period, with an additional five year option.

**Agreements Delayed**  
Although FPHA field director, Oliver Winston, gave his full approval to the plan, and the GCS board had hopes of reaching an agreement early in 1946, negotiations bogged down repeatedly. At the June general membership meeting of GCS, general manager Sam Ashelman, reported such a welter of proposals, rejections and counter-proposals that it seemed doubtful that an agreement ever could be reached. Negotiations for renewal of the over-all lease complicated matters and further delayed the signing. After the lease cleared the field office, matters speeded up and the long-sought document was finally signed November 15, at 10 a.m. in Commissioner Myer's office.

Under the terms of the contract, GCS has a 40-year lease on the property, extending from a point just north of the statue 200 feet along the west end of the plaza, parallel to the theater. The original location desired by GCS, the entire west end of the plaza, was objected to by FPHA planners on the grounds that it would spoil

the "vista" from the fountain through the playground to the woods beyond.

### Largest In The East

Measuring 200 by 100 feet, the one-story structure with a basement will be the largest co-op store building in the east, and be unique in this area in that it will be the only building to house so many services under one roof. A modern restaurant with a picture window will take advantage of the view to the south and west.

Ground will be broken for the new store in the spring. "Not only is spring the best time to start construction," stated Mr. Ashelman, "but we hope costs will have come down somewhat by then." The estimated cost of the building has already risen from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Changes in plans and the addition of new services account for some of the increase. An additional \$160,000 will be needed for new equipment, additional inventory and miscellaneous expenses. The coming share drive expected to raise Mr. Ashelman \$75,000 and will be followed by another in the spring, when it is hoped that an additional \$100,000 can be raised. According to Mr. Trast, the board is considering asking SEC permission to raise money outside the state by the sale of capital stock.

The architects, Ross and Walton of Hyattsville, have nearly finished their drawings and the completed plans will be submitted for bids in the near future. Lay-out engineer Richmond Robertson, announces that the plans are completed with the exception of the ice cream store. It has not yet been determined whether the new store will include an ice cream manufacturing plant. Ross and

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## News Deadline For Nov. 29 Issue

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, ALL news stories for the November 29 issue must be in the Cooperator office, 8 Parkway, by Monday night, November 25, at 10. Stories for the Thanksgiving issue submitted after that time will run the risk of not being printed.

## Fund Drive Starts For Youth Center

Early December may see the opening of the new Youth Center, said Recreation Director Ben Goldfaden in announcing the opening of the project's fund drive, which starts Monday, November 25.

Home soliciting for membership donations, combined with the raffling of tickets for a 1946 Ford sedan, will begin the drive which is scheduled to end with a dance at the auditorium on January 25. A \$3000 goal has been set to buy needed equipment to furnish the four-room building.

Members of the Planning Committee of the Drop Inn met with Charles Cormack, community manager, on Friday afternoon to go over the blueprints for the new canteen. Plans call for a lounge to be used for dancing and ping-pong; a library and quiet-game room; a "smoker"-poolroom for older teenagers; and a small snack bar.

Last Saturday morning a group of volunteers with the supervision and assistance of Mr. Cormack, John Walker, George Bauer, James Wolfe and Ben Goldfaden met to clean out the building and prepare for the completion of the work on the interior. The canteeners were Donald Wolfe, Teddy Fox, George and Frank Bauer, Benton Havens, Bill and Bobby Belton, Donald McCallum and Danny Koslisky.

Only finishing jobs remain to be done on the building, Mr. Cormack reported last Monday. The furnace has yet to be installed, concrete flooring laid, and wallboard placed.

As a further preparation for the opening of the new canteen, the members of the Drop Inn will elect officers next week. A ballot sheet of nominees prepared by the present Planning Committee will be ready for voting by the first of the week. The balloting will take place every afternoon during the week from 3:30 to 5:30 at the Drop-Inn and all teen-agers in the town are encouraged to help select capable officers who will begin planning the operation of the new building.

## Hint Budget Cuts By Field Office

The Council meeting next Monday will be the first of a series of conferences on the town's budget for 1947. It will differ from subsequent meetings in that FPHA field office director Oliver C. Winston will be present, at his own suggestion, to discuss "economies."

Town functions are financed largely through funds received from FPHA as payment in lieu of taxes. The government, under the Bankhead-Black Act which, among other things, created "old Greenbelt," is permitted to make such payments. The Lanham Act, under which the new homes were constructed, states that the government must pay the equivalent of taxes to the town. The town, by law, sets its own tax rate.

The town manager recommends a budget to the Council, who take it from there. An opening meeting is held in December, and when the budget is adopted it becomes the basis for the request for payment in lieu of taxes.

Last year the payment did not come through until March, due to the controversy between former Community Manager James T. Gobel and the FPHA general field office which resulted in his leaving FPHA and assuming the full-time job of Greenbelt's town manager. Another reason given for the delay was that FPHA was conducting a detailed survey of each section of the town and federal offices here.

While FPHA has no direct authority over the items in the town budget, it is the main source of the town's income. If FPHA should feel that the budget total is excessive, it might require higher income from Greenbelt in the form of increased rents.

Consultation this year before the budget is drawn up was requested by FPHA and agreed to by the Town Council.

## AVC Holiday Dance

The AVC Thanksgiving Dance to be held tomorrow, November 23, at 9 p. m., in the center school auditorium will feature the music of Bradley Clay and his Minute Men and a girl vocalist. The drawing for the raffle will be held during the evening. Raffle prizes to be drawn for are a Mixmaster, General Electric iron, Remington electric shaver, Silex coffee brewer, and a Zenith table model radio.

Dance chairman Lydia Novick, phone 4066 or 3916, should be contacted tonight by members who wish to hand in money they have on hand from the sale of tickets or raffles.

## Community Chest Tops \$1200 Quota

Greenbelt topped its Community Chest quota of \$1200 this week as Mrs. F. J. McConnell, local drive chairman, announced last Tuesday that receipts and pledges totaled \$1,231.50.

With other towns in the area, including Washington, lagging in meeting their quotas, Greenbelt has taken the lead this year in generous giving to the chest.

The volunteers whose help made this record possible are listed here: Mrs. F. J. McConnell, chairman, Mrs. Lawrence B. Fern, Mrs. Bernard Feig, Mrs. Lowen H. Matheny, Mrs. John P. Murray, Mrs. P. W. Espenschied, Mrs. H. C. Stage, Mrs. Fred Hahn, Mrs. W. J. Andrusic, Mrs. Bruce Bowman, Mrs. Herbert Hertz, Mrs. B. G. Fonda, Mrs. J. H. Elder, Mrs. W. E. Remmele, Mrs. Norman Olson, Mrs. William Rogers, Miss Cyrilla O'Connor, Mrs. Kenneth Hardy, Mrs. Joseph McIntire, Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, Merton Trast, Mrs. Winfield McCamy and Mrs. Virginia Murphy.

## Goodwill Truck

The Goodwill Industries truck will call in Greenbelt the last Friday of each month. You can help handicapped persons by giving discarded clothing and household articles. Call Mrs. George Clark, 4161, to have the truck stop at your home for pick-ups.

## What Goes On

Friday, November 22—GCS Board meeting at 8 p. m. in GCS office over drug store. Greenbelt Theater Group, 8:30 p. m., arts and crafts room, center school.  
Saturday, November 23—AVC Thanksgiving Dance, 9 p. m., center school auditorium.  
Sunday, November 24—Legion Boys football team vs. Langdon Boys Club, Braden Field.  
Monday, November 25—Town Council meets at 8 p. m. in town office. Elementary P-TA meets at 8 p. m., center school auditorium. B'nai B'rith tea, at 8 p. m., 18-U Ridge Road.  
Wednesday, November 27—Boys' basketball league, 3:15 p. m., center school gymnasium.  
Friday, November 29—Greenbelt Theater Group, 8:30 p. m., arts and crafts room, center school.

## Children Overcome By Exhaust Fumes

Presley Lipscomb, Jr., three years old, and his sister, Cynthia, six, of 2-G Research Road, were overcome by carbon monoxide gas last Monday afternoon at 5:15 p.m. They were left in the family car which was parked in the parking lot at the center, while their parents were shopping.

Since Mr. Lipscomb expected to be gone only a few minutes, and the battery in his car was weak, he left the motor running. He thought the vents in the car were open. When he returned to the car 15 minutes later he found both children unconscious. He quickly got them out of the car and Police Officer Nichols helped bring them to the medical center. Only after 20 minutes' treatment by a health association physician did the children regain consciousness.



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## Take A Bow, Greenbelt

Our town can be proud of its record this year in the Community Chest drive. While Washington and most of its surrounding communities are struggling to attain even 60% of their quota, Greenbelt came through with \$1231.50, which is 100% plus. Mrs. Frank McConnell, local drive chairman and her group of energetic assistants, who worked so hard on the campaign, disclaim any of the credit for this achievement. They think the town as a whole deserves a pat on the back for coming through so generously, despite the rise in living costs, and the fact that most families contributed twice, at work and at home. So, take a bow, Greenbelt!

## What's Up, Doc?

During the past three weeks, rumors have been circulating that rents are to be raised on all housing units. Variations on the story include the report that "someone in authority" has stated that occupants of three-bedroom houses will have their rents raised to \$90 per month, and that all rents will go up at least 100%. The latest tale "from an authoritative source" is that rent ceilings will not be raised, but that the graded rent schedule under which rents are based on family income will be done away with. This would mean that only one rent, the "ceiling" rent, would be charged for each unit.

Town Manager Charles Cormack has declined to make a statement in answer to these rumors, although he commented to our reporter last week that "Utilities and operating costs within Greenbelt have gone up." He has not, however, denied any of the current reports. The FPHA general field office also declines to make any statement "over the telephone," stating that the entire subject is too complicated for a simple yea or nay. The field office did say, however, that rent ceilings were arrived at in agreement with OPA, but that in a number of cases OPA ceilings are higher than those used in Greenbelt now. This statement could be interpreted to mean that graded rent schedules could be eliminated, and that the difference between OPA rent ceilings and present Greenbelt ceilings could be utilized to raise rents.

The Cooperator is attempting to get a definite statement from the FPHA general field office by letter, to which an answer has been promised. We feel, however, that the whole town, through its elected representatives and its Citizens Association, has a right to query the landlord and to register a protest, if this seemed called for. Not till it was too late were Greenbelters given a chance to voice their opinions on either the super highway or the enlargement of the airport at our front door. This matter comes even closer to home.

## County Completes Bi-Annual Census

The bi-annual census of all persons under 21 recently completed by Greenbelt teachers and volunteer parents is taken by the County Board of Education so that school appropriations may be geared to meet the demand. In terms of population Prince Georges is second, only to Baltimore County, and it has had a considerable increase in the last two years. Teachers checked school records, while crews of parents made a door-to-door canvass to determine the number of pre-school, parochial, and college youngsters in town.

The Health Department uses the census to determine the number of clinics and the approximate number of vaccinations needed each year. The Bureau of Vital Statistics uses it to check the name given on the census with the name on the actual birth certificate.

The census indicator to the

Board of Education whether or not children enter school at the required age and when they leave school. According to the state law children are required to enter at 7 and they are allowed to leave at 14 or when they have finished elementary school. If the family is in dire need and the child obtains a work permit, he may leave earlier. The child must be in school or working during school hours. The census also serves as a check on the people moving in and out of the state.

## Elementary PTA

The Elementary Parent-Teachers Association will meet Monday night, November 25 at 8 p. m. at the center school. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Ruben Steinmeyer, Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland. His work has dealt primarily with international relations. Dr. Steinmeyer will discuss: "Problems of the Peace." There will also be musical entertainment.

## To The Editor

Because of the lack of space in the Cooperator at the present time, all letters addressed to the Editor must be limited to 150 words. Letters which contain more than 150 words will be subject to editorial revision and condensation. All letters must bear the written signature of the writer, though pen names or initials will be used at the writer's request.

## Write Letters

To the Editor:

Apparently small acts are what move society forward. Specifically, a letter written to:

Dr. Cloyd Heck Marvin, president, George Washington University, 2003 G St., N. W., Washington, and one to: Mr. Robert Vidder Fleming, c/o Riggs National Bank, 15th and Penna. Ave., Washington, chairman of the board of trustees of the same university, about discrimination against Negroes at the university-owned Lisner Auditorium may have considerable effect.

A group of outstanding playwrights has refused to allow their works to be used in Washington theaters which practice discrimination, but university officials need to realize that the public also endorses a non-discrimination policy.

Sincerely,

MARGARET ASHELMAN.

## OUR NEIGHBORS

By DOROTHY MCGEE

Phone 3667

Mrs. Joe Rogers, Mrs. Daniel Neff and Mrs. George Clark, all active in our local Red Cross, went with Mrs. Charles Cormack to Washington on Monday to attend the Potomac Camp and Hospital Council Meeting. Final plans were formulated for the committee's Christmas program. As their part in the Yule-tide doings, Greenbelt women will be asked to buy gifts, wrapping them as Christmas presents, for two hundred veterans in nearby hospitals. For these men, war's aftermath lingers on, keeping them in hospitals unable to enjoy with their families the peace they fought so hard to attain. For some of them, the Red Cross will be the main reason they will be able, on Christmas Day, to grin from their hospital beds and say it's truly a Merry Christmas. "If," as Mrs. Neff says, "all the Red Cross workers could only see how very much the many different services mean to the men, and have meant, they would realize even more how very worthwhile their efforts are."

We are very glad to learn that Mrs. Edward J. Costaldi returned from the hospital a week ago, and is definitely on the road to recovery. Mrs. Costaldi suffered two hemorrhages since the birth of her son on October 26. She wishes to express her deep gratitude to the two Greenbelters who donated blood, Glen Perkins and Mrs. Joseph Ayers. Mrs. Costaldi's mother and sister were able to come down for a week but had to return to their homes in New York last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Rex Bly, 56-B Ridge Road, have returned from a three-week stay in Rushville, Illinois, where their three-month-old daughter, Martha Ann visited with her paternal grandparents. Little Martha Ann traveled back and forth with nary a murmur.

Mrs. Mary Jane Sarraatt entertained the member of the 9-11-13 Club at their monthly meeting last Friday evening in her home, 11-E Hillside Road. Mrs. Betty Coleman was a gracious co-hostess. The ladies played games and later did justice to the delectable salad, sandwiches and coffee.

Mrs. Frank Hensel, 6-D Crescent Road, is enjoying an extended visit from her mother, Mrs. Emma McCaffrey of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. McCaffrey expects to have several months in which to lavish attention on her two grandchildren, Dickie and Francie.

Mrs. Frances Green and her two children, former Greenbelters, arrived in town from California more than a week ago and are staying at the home of the Stalbergs, 57-F Ridge Road. Her husband, Arthur Green, is back in New York with

## Community Church

Friday, November 22—  
8:00 p.m.—Building Committee, Church Office.

Saturday, November 23—  
10:00 a.m.—Junior Choir, at Joanne Taylor's home, 13-R Ridge Road.

Sunday, November 24—

9:30 a.m.—Church School, Thos. Berry, Superintendent.

10:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Class, James Gobbel, teacher.

10:50 a.m.—Church Nursery, sponsored by Ladies' Guild, for pre-school children.

11:00 a.m.—Church Worship:  
Sermon: "Approved Unto God." Choral music, directed by Thomas Ritchie, with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ.

Special Book Table, featuring books on India, sponsored by the Missionary Committee.

7:30 p.m.—Hi-School Fellowship meets at Joanne Therrell's home, 2-G Westway.

7:30 p.m.—College Age Club meets at Barbara Runnion's home, 2-E Westway.

Wednesday, November 27—  
Choir Rehearsal, center school.

Thursday, November 28—  
9:30 a.m.—Thanksgiving Service to be held in center school auditorium. Special choir music, with Thanksgiving message by the Pastor, Rev. E. T. Braund.

Friday, November 29—  
8:00 p.m.—The Couple's Club will meet at the home of Phillips Taylor, 13-R Ridge.

A special "Thank Offering" of canned goods and food for the needy will be received at both Sunday School and Church this Sunday. Gifts of clothing for use either at home or abroad will also be most appropriate.

The Acme News Service, after three months in southern California. Because the housing shortage is possibly at its worst in Los Angeles, the Greens lived in a Quonset hut in the heart of the Hollywood hills. She is staying here until December 1, when she hopes their apartment in Hollis, L.I., will be ready for occupancy. Frances made her home in Greenbelt during the time her husband served with the Coast Guard as a photographer.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davis, 34-H Ridge Road had a reunion this past weekend with Mr. Davis' brother, Robert E. Davis, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The newly married Mr. Davis flew east with his bride, stopping over in New York City before paying their visit in Greenbelt. They returned home by plane on Tuesday.

Two ducks might have lived to grace the dinner table on Thanksgiving Day at the Dean household, had not Mrs. Dean deemed their premature death more practicable. On a Friday afternoon not long ago her seven-year-old Kenneth came home from Holy Redeemer School, the proud owner of two very lively ducks won in a raffle, and deposited them on the living room floor for the admiration of his mother and sister, Mary Therese. There was quite a flutter of feathers before Mrs. Dean finally shoed them all out in the yard. One of the ducks very obligingly laid an egg, for which Mrs. Dean was grateful, since her refrigerator held not one egg, so necessary to the fishcakes that she was preparing for supper. Children came from far and near, as Greenbelt children do, to view and fondle the ducks. The commotion was too great, and so, alas for the ducks and the children's hopes to retain them as pets, the two ducks were served for dinner that very weekend. The Dean children did not enjoy their dinner.

Laurie Wilbur, 6-S Ridge Road, was four years old last Sunday. She invited ten guests to her party. Her very best birthday present was a ring sent by her grandmother in California.

All the kids in court 9 on Research Road helped Mary Vogel, 9-L Research Road, celebrate her fifth birthday last Saturday afternoon. A big cake, cokes and ice cream after the games ended the afternoon on a gala note.

Ann Lasther celebrated her birthday this past Friday at her home on Ridge Road, by having a pajama party. She received very many lovely gifts from her friends, Louise Charles, Marv K. Herr, Jean Jarboe, Jeanne Kasko, Jani Roach, Elaine Scott, Ruth Schwarb, Win and Tilly Thomas.

## Catholic Church

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. in the Greenbelt theater; 7 a. m., 9 a. m., 10:30 a. m., and 11:45 at Berwyn.

Confessions: Saturday from 7:30 to 9 p. m. at 10-B Parkway in Greenbelt. Saturday at Berwyn from 3 to 5 p. m. and from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Novena Devotions: at Berwyn every Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.

Choir practice will be held every Sunday morning immediately following the 9:30 mass.

## Lutheran Church

"The New Leviathan" Matt. 22: 15-22 will be the sermon topic of Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow at the church services to be held in the center school at 12:30 p. m. November 24.

Sunday school and Adult Bible class begin at 11:30 a. m. in the home economics room. The first period will be used in rehearsing the Christmas program.

Sunday school teachers' meeting will be held Monday, November 25 at 8:00 p. m. at 35-L Ridge Road. All teachers and interested workers please come. Rev. Pieplow will conduct the meeting.

Regular weekly choir rehearsal will be held on Thursday at 2-F Plateau Place.

Religious instructions will be held every week at 73-L Ridge Road on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p. m.

## Mowatt Memorial

## Methodist Church

Woodland Way and Forestway Road., Rev. C. J. Craig, Pastor. UNION 1658.

Sunday School Opening

Assembly .. 9:45 a.m.

Junior Choir .. 9:55 a.m.

Classes .. 10:10 a.m.

Sunday School Closing

Assembly .. 10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship

Service .. 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship

Service .. 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Prayer

Service .. 8:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Service,

Thursday, Nov. 28 .. 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to the special Thanksgiving Service, as well as all services of the church.

## Jewish Center

## Seeks Members

The Jewish Community Center of Greenbelt announces the start of its membership campaign. Applications may be obtained from the following: Samuel Stutz, 14-Z Ridge; Eli Radinsky, 5-A Gardenway; Lewis Friedman, 11-P Plateau; George Frank, 2-L Laurel Hill and Samuel Bogan, 3-E Research. Please phone Harold Vogel, recording and corresponding secretary, 5867, if you desire to have someone call at your home.

A membership meeting will be held in the early part of December at the elementary school. Preparations are being completed for prominent speakers, refreshments and entertainment. The exact date will be announced soon. All people of Jewish faith are asked to join.

## Hebrew School PTA

The first meeting of the B'nai B'rith Hebrew Sunday School PTA was held Thursday evening, November 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Stutz, and was attended by 20 parents and teachers.

A Ways and Means Committee was formed to raise funds to run the Sunday School, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Molly Sanders, who will be assisted by Mrs. Dot Fleisher, Mrs. Frances Rosenthal, Mrs. Dot Bogan and Mrs. Rose Zimmet.

Guest for the evening was Mr. Berman of Washington, who set up a display of books and religious articles. Refreshments were served. Co-hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Fan Schein and Mrs. June Ringel.

The next meeting has been scheduled for January 10, 1947. Candles and Menorahs for the coming "Festival of Lights" are for sale as 14-Z Ridge Road, with all proceeds going to the Sunday School Fund.

## Co-op Nursery

The Co-op Nursery Parents Board met Thursday, November 21 at the home of Ann Braund, 9-B Crescent Road. Mrs. Frances Stouffer, Public Health Nurse, discussed health problems and gave advice on how to help children stay fit through the coming winter.



## Co-op Currents

By MERTON J. TRAST

Every person has a need to express himself. Some whittle, some paint, some collect stamps, some beat their wives, some go bowling on Tuesday nights, and some have so many interests that they can't figure out which means of expression is the most satisfying.

Cooperators are always anxious to pass Co-op ideas on to others. After much persuasion, the editor of "The Cooperator" consented to let "Co-op Currents" appear on these pages as the author's means of expression. It will appear each two weeks. This column is "not for profit." So all we ask is that you read it. Suggestions will be appreciated.

Greenbelt is going to have a new store before long. The lease for a piece of land in the Center is signed, and we already have architects' plans. It is the job of all of us now to raise the capital.

The stock drive committee (volunteers) will soon be out selling GCS capital stock. It is almost unbelievable that a community as small as Greenbelt could have such a good investment right where it can be watched and controlled. Here are some facts:

GCS is a Maryland corporation; stock is of course registered with the Securities Exchange Commission and the State of Maryland; each share sells at \$10 and remains at par; dividend on shares is voted by the membership each year, and since 1941 has been 5%. The policy of the board is, and has always been, to repurchase all shares offered for sale; the auditor calls the GCS balance sheet nearly perfect; 2000 members own stock varying from \$10 to \$2,000. GCS has no debts except current payables and has reserves of \$23,000.

In a Co-op business the people pay for it and the people own it. In any other business the people pay for it and someone else owns it.

## High School Notes

By MARGARET BROWN

On December 4 a new organization, the Junior National Honor Society, a nation-wide association, which is closely affiliated with the National Honor Society, already an active organization here, will be instituted in Greenbelt High.

The N.H.S. was organized by the National Association of High School Principals to promote qualities of scholarship, leadership, character and service in high schools throughout the nation.

Approximately 15% of the ninth grade and 5% of the eighth grade will be eligible for membership.

The Senior Honor Society will hold its inductions in the early spring.

The Senior play, "You Can't Take It With You," was hailed as a success by all in attendance. Much credit goes to Mrs. Dorothea Dawson, the director, and all other persons who helped with the production.

For the third successive week Carroll Byerly, senior, was victorious on the program, "Americana Quiz." We all wish her continued success when she returns again this Saturday.

"The Marriage of Nannette" has been chosen as the operetta to be given by the Glee Club in February. The cast will be selected and practice will begin as soon as scripts arrive.

## Army Makes Movie On Cooperatives

(CNS)—The Army is hurriedly preparing a film on cooperatives to be shown in Germany and Japan. The subject as outlined is to be a rural community, strongly cooperative, in which the development of co-ops took place under dramatic circumstances, such as drought, depression, etc. Emphasis will be on marketing rather than on consumer angles. Due to time shortage, the town selected will probably be near Washington—south rather than north in order to get more attractive scenic background during the next few months.

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## Basketball League For Young Boys

All boys in elementary and junior high school interested in playing basketball are invited to meet in the center school gymnasium on Wednesday, November 27, at 3:15 p. m. to draw up teams for league play. Boys within this age group who attend schools outside Greenbelt are encouraged to be present also. If interested, contact the Recreation Department before this date if at all possible.

## Express Service Not Immediate

According to GCS Public Relations Director Merton Trast, the Co-op "would be glad to consider extending Railway Express service to residents through cooperation with the Berwyn office," but so far, arrangements have not gotten beyond the stage of conversations between the Citizens Association and GCS. No contact has been made with Railway Express.

GCA Transportation Chairman George Frank suggested to GCS that its regular truck might pick up Railway Express packages for residents as well as those addressed to the co-op.

## Legion Bowling

A strong Legion bowling team is traveling to Baltimore this coming Saturday to engage the Halethorpe Post in a match. The games will be rolled at the Wilkens Alleys, located at Wilkens Ave. and Monroe Sts. Later in the season these same teams will have a return match at the College Park Alleys. As far as is known this is the first time a Greenbelt team has ever engaged in a bowling match with a Baltimore team.

## Women's Gym

The volleyball tournament held during Women's gym continued with Dickson's team defeating Raduaz, 64-16, and Holloway defeating Palmerton, 37-24.

Later Rosetta Raduaz challenged Ida Goldstein in the latter tournament for table tennis and gave up first place to the latter. Francis Book defeated Jane Linhardt for fifth place and Marion Moore moved to tenth place winning two out of three games from Marjorie Bloom.

## Local Gun Club

The Greenbelt Gun Club, shooting against the University of Maryland, which is considered the best team in the Maryland League, lost its first match of the indoor season on Wednesday, November 13. The local team showed up with 11 men to compete for the five high scores which make up the team score. Lyman Woodman led the team with a 270; C. Gardner, 263; H. Bates, 256; D. Kern, 250; and S. Wallace, 250.

Now that they have the hardest match off their schedule, the team hopes to win the remaining matches. The next match is scheduled for December 4, against the National Capitol Rifle Club.

## Elementary School

The touch football league for the elementary school completed their tournament last Thursday when Lynch defeated Parker, 6-0. Davis took on Pluto for a 6-0 victory, and Batie tied Gerrits, 0-0. This gave the following final standings:

	W	L	Pct.
Mrs. Lynch, N. E.	3	0	1.000
Mrs. Davis, Center	2	1	.667
Mrs. Pluto, Center	1	2	.333
Mr. Parker, N. E.	0	3	.000
Mrs. Gerrits, Center	1	0	1.000
Miss Batie, Center	0	1	.000
Miss Parana, N. E.	0	0	.000

An all-star game between a North End all-star team and a Center all-star team will be played on Thursday.

North End, All-Star: Allan Corneal, capt.; Robert Cross, Kenneth Miller, Paul Reamy, Bill Freaner, Michael Juliano, Bob Cross, Harry Merryman, John Beal.

Center, All-Star: Richard Ward, capt.; Richard Hensel, Vernon Vickers, Roger Frady, Wally Sherrert, John Hagstrom, Harry Fox, Bill Moore, Jack Schaeffer.

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## New Rescue Squad Buys Ambulance

Purchase of an ambulance is the latest step in organizing a rescue squad in Greenbelt.

According to Werner C. Steinle, the rescue squad project was formulated by himself and three other young men. Although it is a private venture, they will not charge any fees, but will depend upon donations for funds to operate.

At present the group consists of Werner C. Steinle, chief, phone 4387; James Sherman, deputy chief, 6428; and Robert R. Gray, Jr., secretary, 3772. They need 20 people, men or women over 21, who would be willing to serve. Those interested may phone any of the above men at the phone numbers listed. First-aid classes will be held to teach volunteers what to do when called in an emergency.

The ambulance was bought with a down payment of \$400 out of the group's personal funds. There is a balance due of \$425, and Mr. Steinle estimates that an additional \$500 is needed to purchase first aid equipment, such as resuscitator, gas mask, first aid kit, etc. They have not as yet found a permanent parking place for the ambulance.

This group has the approval and endorsement of the town and Federal government, as well as all organizations that have been contacted. The Greenbelt Legion Post is planning a minstrel show and dance to help finance this project.

## Legion Football Team Undefeated

The Legion Boys football team continued its winning streak this past Sunday, when it defeated the Landover Hills Boys Club, 20-6. The Legion Boys started by taking the kickoff for a 60-yard run-back for a touchdown, made possible by the alert broken field running of Craign, ably supported with beautiful blocking by his teammates. Jernberg converted for the extra point. Both teams played airtight ball until the second quarter, in which both scored. Coulter went over the goal line for this score for the Legion, after many hard and bruising line plunges.

The visitors (not to be denied) also scored in this period; their score developed from an end run for 50 yards, the most unexpected and best executed play of the day. Hofstetter, who has been on the side lines for he last few weeks, was back and really asserted himself when he made the final score of the game in the final period.

The next game on the schedule is the strong Langdon Boys Club from Washington, Sunday, November 24. This is considered one of the best teams around northwest D. C. and is undefeated this season.

## Basketball Change

Due to the fact that the gymnasium is in use the next three weeks on Thursday nights, the men's basketball teams will practice on Tuesday, December 3, at 8 p. m. The following schedule will be used:

8:00 p.m.—Swabbies and Tigers.  
8:45 p.m.—Chief and Terps.  
9:30 p.m.—Pronmen and Senators.

## Girl's Basketball

The junior high school girls met last Friday in the gymnasium to form a basketball league. Four teams were drawn up with Norma Kerns, Ann Walker, Marie Vickers and Jean Hanna, chosen as captains. Games will be played in the center school gymnasium on Friday afternoons.

Just before the junior high school girls took over the gymnasium, the elementary school girls' dodgeball tournament took place with Barbara Dichaut's team tying Virginia Sowell's girls in the first game, and defeating Betty Lou Kitchen's team and Nancy Snyder's team in the next two games for first place in the tournament. Nancy Snyder's girls defeated Betty Lou Kitchen and Virginia Sowell for second place, while Sowell and Kitchen tied for third with two losses and one tie each. Tournament play will continue next Friday.

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## Local Girl Scout Officers Elected

New officers of the Girl Scout Leaders Organization who were installed November 13, are: Mrs. W. J. Andrusic, president; Mrs. Edgar M. Weber, vice-president; Mrs. H. Kurth, secretary; and Mrs. Horace Kramer, Jr., treasurer.

There were nineteen Brownie fly-ups and six new Girl Scouts invested at a candlelight ceremony November 19, held by a new intermediate troop. Mrs. John H. Elder's assistant, Mrs. Mary Ehrhardt, was also invested. Brownie troop 42, under the leadership of Mrs. Phillip Crofford, attended the "Top Talent" broadcast Saturday at Station WTOP.

Leader Mrs. Shirley Levine Troop 35, took Brownies Patricia Berry, Phyllis Chasanow and Rochelle Feig to Children's Hospital, Saturday, with gifts of cookies, candy, cards and decorations and a \$2 donation to the Hospital building fund. This troop celebrated Thanksgiving by conducting a recent auction to raise money for the Juliet Low World Friendship Fund, which is used to help girls in other countries revive the scouting movement. Each Brownie purchased a box from auctioneer Natalie Lee.

Girl Scout Troop 17 with its leaders, Mrs. H. B. Owens and Mrs. J. C. Maffay, went on a hike, followed by a supper outing at Indian Springs recently.

Brownie Troop 109 is donating a complete wardrobe to a five-year-old girl who lost all of her clothing in the fire which demolished her home.

## Jewish Council Organizes Here

Meeting under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry Weidberg, the first regular meeting of the Greenbelt section of the National Council of Jewish Women received its charter November 19 from Mrs. Harry Roller, past president of the Middle Atlantic Conference.

Mrs. Roller summarized the Council's past fifty years, and outlined its present day program, which emphasizes the support of overseas projects such as hostels in Greece for young German Jewish women without homes or families, and monthly shipments of toys and clothing to the Displaced Persons Camps in Europe.

Mrs. Alya Margolin, Washington representative of the national organization, told how the Council functions as a member of the Women's Joint Congressional Committee, the President's Social and Economic Council, and the National Committee on Atomic Energy, while Miss Dorothy Steinberg, vice-president of the National Council of Jewish Juniors, described this group's participation in the recent District plebiscite.

Pamphlets on social legislation and contemporary Jewish affairs were distributed for study and discussion to be held at the Council's next meeting here.

## Blaisdell Reports On New Oil Co-op

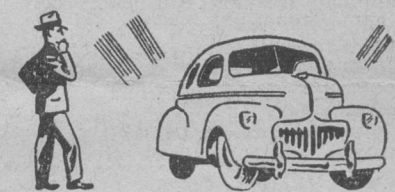
"Taking the Profit Out of Oil," was the theme of a talk given to the cooperative adult education study group last Wednesday night, by William Blaisdell, president of Eastern Cooperative Wholesale. Mr. Blaisdell reported on the action taken this fall by the World Cooperative Congress in Switzerland in forming the International Petroleum Association.

According to Mr. Blaisdell, the petroleum association will enable cooperatives all over the world to purchase petroleum products from their own organization. Patronage refunds will be returned by the world oil co-op to member cooperatives in the same way that local cooperatives give patronage returns to its customers. "This," said Mr. Blaisdell, "will remove the profit motive in oil on an international scale and should have a significant effect on world peace."

Mr. Blaisdell also reported on the various cooperatives in the countries he had visited. Conditions in Switzerland and Sweden, he stated, were the best, comparing favorably with the United States; but cooperatives in the war-devastated countries were encountering many difficulties in the reconstruction of their businesses.

Last weekend in New York City a District co-op conference was held, which was attended by several Greenbelters, Dayton Hull, Bill Nicholas, Cyrilla O'Connor, Carmie Harper, Jim Walsh, Bob Volckhausen and Carolyn Miller, among them. Some of them enlivened while in the big town, a few enjoyed a bit of New York's night attending the theatre.

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## What Happened to the Prices on Citrus Juices?

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No. 2 cans	2 for	35c
46 oz. cans		35c
Co-op Red Label Grapefruit Juice		
No. 2 cans	2 for	27c
46 oz. cans		29c
Yacht Club Blended Juice		
46 oz. cans		29c

We are expecting a shipment of Donald Duck juices next Wednesday which will sell for the same prices as those being advertised by other stores in this area. However, we do not recommend them as best quality.

## Greenbelt Consumer Services



## STORE

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Walton are also the architects for a proposed \$500,000 shopping center on the Marlboro Pike, and, a million dollar center near Beltsville.

### Drive Starts Nov. 2

Stock drive chairman, Dr. James W. McCarl, states, "I am confident we can raise the necessary money if the people really want the store and will get back of this drive." In order to attain the goal of \$75,000, an average investment of \$37.50 by each of GCS' 2,000 members would be required. The drive gets under way November 23 with a dinner for the drive workers.

With the completion of the defense homes in May, 1942, the need for more and better shopping facilities soon became apparent. The original plans for war housing in Greenbelt made no provision for additional shopping facilities other than the allotting of space opposite the North End school for future building. Converted from a row of houses, the North End foodstore was clearly a make-shift, intended to serve only the basic needs of the newcomers.

Expansion was first thought of in terms of another large food store in the north end, but with the advent of the first GCS bus in December, 1945, the idea of a central super-market caught on.

### Expansion Committee

In September, 1945, the GCS board of directors appointed an expansion planning committee headed by Herman Ramras, and upon the completion of their study, general manager Ashelman hired planning engineer and store-layout man, Robertson, to help determine what services should be provided and to plan the layout of the stores.

The complete plans call for a foodstore, bake shop, butcher shop, restaurant, delicatessen, ice cream parlor, home demonstration kitchen and a night store for emergency shopping. In the basement will be a ten-lane bowling alley, a game room, a nursery where shopping mothers can park their youngsters, public toilets, and rest rooms and showers for the employees.

The most modern equipment obtainable will be used and self-service will be used insofar as possible, with provision for innovations as they become practical. "Our main goal is flexibility," states Mr. Robertson. "We want to provide a store that can be changed to fit the needs of the community."

### Children's Nursery

Of special interest to mothers is the proposed nursery. Complete with play-pens, a hot plate for warming bottles, a lavatory with special pint-size toilets, a play room and an outdoor fenced-in play yard, the nursery will have qualified attendants during part of each day. Germicidal lamps and glass partitions between the play-pens will be used to prevent the spread of disease and the play room for older children will be separated from the play-pen area by a half wall. One of the most carefully planned adjuncts of the store, GCS invited a group of local mothers to assist with its lay-out.

The proposed restaurant is expected to fill a long-felt need in the community. Covering the entire south end of the building, it will include a soda bar at one end and a lunch and economy meal service counter down the center area. One end will be reserved for table service. The type of service was determined in part by last summer's joint GCS-GHA survey, which indicated that the number of residents desiring economical self-service or counter service meals and those desiring the more expensive table service was about equal. Sliding doors will enable the restaurant to offer banquet service at one end. A total seating capacity of 100 to 150 is planned.

Emergency shopping will be taken care of in night store where shoppers can buy emergency items and a few delicatessen foods at night and on Sundays. A complete delicatessen is also planned.

### Unique Kitchen

The demonstration kitchen will have the distinction of being the only feature of this kind offered by any super-market in the country, according to Mr. Robertson. GCS consumer aid, Rachel Garner, will be able to demonstrate here the latest and best cooking methods and to show the best buys.

The drug store will feature one

## FPHA Gives Out With Budget Data

Budgetary and operation figures for old and new Greenbelt covering last year and this year have been received by the Greenbelt Mutual Housing Association, according to an announcement made last Thursday by the board of directors.

Also included in the data received were figures on the capital cost of the entire project and maximum rent schedules and utility charges for each unit type.

However, FPFA has not yet released a sale price for either old or new Greenbelt.

The town council and the town manager have accepted an invitation of the GMHA directors to meet in a discussion of aspects of mutual housing in Greenbelt in the near future.

Colonel Lawrence Westbrook, Bradley Nash and J. Banks Hudson, directors of the First Washington Mutual Homes Corporation, attended the board meeting to continue their negotiations with GMHA on a plan to build new houses in Greenbelt.

## New Garbage Truck Improves Service

Greenbelters were pleasantly surprised when garbage was picked up twice, on schedule, the week of the Armistice Day holiday. Town Manager, James M. Gobbel, announced that a third garbage truck has been secured by the town, making a total of three at the sanitation crew's disposal. Two are in good condition, while a third older truck will be kept as an emergency "stand-by."

The new truck will make it possible to give more regular service to the town in rainy or bad weather, or over a holiday, Mr. Gobbel added.

## Children's Play By Drama Group

At the last meeting of the Greenbelt Theater Group, arrangements were made to present a one-act play entitled "Builder of Christmas Fires," for the benefit of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School's piano fund, on Saturday, December 21.

The group also agreed to present a short skit at the Woman's Club Christmas Party to be held the latter part of December.

Rehearsals are under way for "Watch On The Rhine," set for production the early part of January.

section for prescription service, complete with chairs where shoppers can wait while having their orders filled. Sick room supplies, other drug items, and cards and stationery will be expanded to fill the rest of the space outside the present fountain area. The space occupied by the fountain will be converted to a "cosmetic bar," complete with make-up tables.

The present foodstore will be added to the Variety Store to provide a "Junior" department store, where children's clothes, children's shoes, men's and women's clothing, and electrical appliances service will be sold.

## ECL-ECW Merger Waits Mail Votes

Formation of Eastern Cooperatives, Incorporated, was approved by delegates and visitors to the joint League and Wholesale meeting held in New York last week-end. The new corporation will be a merger of ECL, the educational cooperative, and ECW, the wholesale for co-ops in the Eastern area.

Additional votes from local societies not represented at the conference will be sought before the action becomes official.

The two-day session covered a wide field of study for the more than 200 cooperators present, thirteen of whom came from Greenbelt Consumer Services.

The FM radio station in the Potomac area was the subject of one session. Personnel groups, financial support of the wholesale, and a "standards study" or store operation and membership participation were among the topics discussed in group meetings.

Sam Asneiman, GCS general manager, acted as chairman of the resolutions committee which presented motions drawn up by members in advance of the meeting.

Among resolutions passed was one urging local co-ops not to pay patronage refunds on a higher percentage than the net margin for the year. Another resolution endorsed La Guardia's program of food distribution to the starving people abroad. A third urged that more co-op educational work be carried on with labor groups. The American Veterans Committee was commended for its support of cooperatives.

## AVC Considering New Meeting Date

At the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Greenbelt chapter of the American Veterans Committee, a committee consisting of Harold Fischer, Milton Haut, Bob Leo and Morris Solomon was appointed to complete detailed arrangements for the dance sponsored by the local chapter and its auxiliary tomorrow night.

After a discussion on a proposed change of meeting dates, it was decided to circularize the members in order to obtain a meeting date convenient for the majority.

## Beltsville Road

Ground for the projected new route from Greenbelt to the Research Center at Beltsville is being cleared and should soon be completed, both FPFA Manager Chas. M. Cormack and Town Manager James T. Gobbel, reported early this week.

## Thanksgiving Notice

The Co-op bus will operate on the regular 30 minute schedule beginning at 9 a. m.

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## B'nai B'rith Tea

The membership committee of the B'nai B'rith will hold a tea and social for all paid-up members at the home of Mrs. Nettie Steinman, 18-U Ridge Road on Monday, November 25, at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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4. What is the value of G.C.S. capital stock?

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5. Is the investment safe?

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6. What assurance does the member have that reports about the business are accurate?

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